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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (Such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103 (b).
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

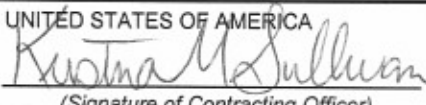
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Amendment 004 to Solicitation RFP-NAS-0159-07 is hereby issued to incorporate the BOP's responses to questions from prospective offerors (Attachment I, 16 pages) into the solicitation.

//Last Item//

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Kristina Sullivan, C. O.	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY  (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 6/14/07

**Questions Received Regarding RFP-NAS-0159-07
Residential Re-entry Pilot Program (RRPP)**

1.

Question: I see that individuals that we would hire or contract with need to pass through several levels of security clearance and background checks. Are there specific educational requirements for the staff as well? For example, if we hired counselors, would they need to have college degrees or would a high school diploma plus several years of professional experience in a similar in-prison project suffice? Where would I look to find the educational requirements for these positions?

Answer: Individuals who are hired will need to be approved according to the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) established policies for security clearance and background checks. Approved individuals will also participate in orientation training for contractors and volunteers. The BOP's expectation is that individuals hired by the contractor will possess a professional/technical education consistent with their job responsibilities. In addition, skills, training and experience to perform the required functions will be necessary.

2.

Question: We assume that the target population at FCI Tucson is male inmates and not the females in the administrative facility, correct?

Answer: The male population at FCI Tucson is slated to participate in the Residential Re-entry program.

3.

Question: Are there specific educational requirements (college degrees) for staff? Or could past experience count in lieu of college degrees? Where would we find a list of such requirements if they are indeed required?

Answer: The BOP's expectation is that individuals hired by the contractor will possess a professional/technical education consistent with their job responsibilities. In addition, skills, training and experience to perform the required functions will be necessary.

4.

Question: We know that there were formal walk-throughs of three sites on the east coast. Is it advisable to set up a visit on our own to the Tucson facility? Will bidders have an opportunity

to walk through the Tucson facility prior to submission of bids?

Answer: There will not be any more site visits scheduled pertaining to this RFP. A prospective offer cannot schedule a site visit.

5.

Question: What are the expectations for clinical paperwork? Are we required to collect specific data on participants while they are receiving services? If so, what are the requirements specifically?

Answer: Information regarding program participants will be forwarded to the Central Office COTR through the institutional COTR. Information required:

- Inmate participant names
- Registry Numbers
- Inmates who are currently on waiting lists
- Inmate program failures
- Inmate program withdrawals
- Community mentoring organizations
- Inmate program completions
- Progress Reports regarding program components (Format to be determined)

6.

Question: Should we allocate funds for data collection to include a staff person, supplies and a computer in order to provide information for the baseline of the data research assessment discussed in Attachment II to measure recidivism, and re-arrests one to four years after release; employment; housing; mentor-matching; and other identified areas? If not, how will this data be collected and what responsibility will the successful bidder have for the collection and presentation of this data?

Answer: The prospective offeror shall build the costs of the RRPP into the Inmate Daily Rate. Computers will be provided on-site by the government. Prospective offerors will submit a plan for data collection in the formal work plan and program outline.

7.

Question: Should we allocate funds for all of the criminal background checks, credit checks, fingerprinting and urinalysis of program staff?

Answer: The BOP is responsible for the cost of all background checks, credit checks, fingerprinting, and urinalysis for contractor program staff. Additional, background checks or other employment requirements required by the contractor that are above and beyond the BOP's requirements are at the contractor's expense.

8.

Question: Are we required to submit resumes for key staff or other positions?

Answer: The contractor will determine the qualifications of staff to be employed. The BOP does not require the submission of resumes for key staff or other positions.

9.

Question: Are we required to submit job descriptions for any of the key staff or other positions?

Answer: The contractor will determine the job descriptions for all contracted program staff.

10.

Question: Are the peer mentors intended to be inmates under the supervision of clinical staff? Or should they be members of the community after re-entry such as 12-step and/or faith-based mentoring support? Or should these mentors be members of the community (12 step, faith based, etc.) who come into the prison to provide supportive services?

Answer: The BOP does not use inmate mentors as a rule. All mentors are members of the community.

11.

Question: Do we need to submit a detailed budget and/or budget justification with the pricing schedule, or simply determine the fixed inmate daily rate and total estimated amount?

Answer: The proposal along with all of the required attachments, including the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I) will be sufficient. If the prospective offeror wishes to provide a detailed breakdown of the inmate daily rate, they may do so.

12.

Question: On page 14 of Attachment II, the last sentence of the "NOTE" it refers to a "pre-proposal conference". We see no other mention of this conference in the entire RFP. Is there going to be one? And if so, where and when?

Answer: There will not be a pre-proposal conference in reference

to this RFP.

13.

Question: Is there a page limit for this proposal?

Answer: There is not a page limit for this proposal.

14.

Question: Are there a font size specification or other technical criteria? (spacing, margins, etc.)

Answer: There are not any requirements regarding the font, spacing, margins, or color for this proposal.

15.

Question: On page 12 of Attachment II it says "No individual who is under supervision or jurisdiction of any parole, probation, or correctional authority may be employed. Persons with previous misdemeanor criminal convictions or felony conviction [sic?], who are under supervision[??], may be considered for employment; however, the BOP must approve all such cases. The BOP must give consideration to such factors as criminal history, time elapsed since conviction(s) and subsequent adjustment in the community."

Answer: All contracted staff and volunteers will be submitted for approval by the contractor to the BOP prior to serving in any capacity in the institution. Each case will be viewed individually for clearance and approval. Wardens may approve ex-offenders convicted of felony offenses to serve as volunteers.

In addition to the guidelines for training and background investigations, the following steps must be completed before an ex-offender may be approved to serve as a volunteer:

- Documented period of at least three years of crime-free conduct after release, or a favorable report upon completion of probation or parole;
- Documentation of current employment or academic status;
- Fully completed OF-612 or resume;
- Check to ensure the ex-offender has no separatees within the institution.

Ex-offenders will not be granted waivers from any training or investigative requirements. Ex-offenders will not be granted waivers for unescorted status or passes.

16.

Question: Does this mean persons with misdemeanor or felony convictions who are not under supervision or under jurisdiction of parole, etc. may be considered for employment, or does it mean that they must be supervised by a director while at work?

Answer: Each person will be reviewed individually for clearance and approval prior to serving in any capacity in the institution. See the answer for Question 15.

17.

Question: On the last page of Attachment II under K. Nonpersonal Services Contract it says: "2) Payment is based on an end product or the accomplishment of a specific result," How will this be determined on a monthly basis?

Answer: Payment will be made on a monthly basis upon receipt of an invoice from the contractor, in accordance with the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I) Inmate Daily Rate.

18.

Question: Please provide a list of education and vocational offerings currently provided at each of the six pilot site institutions.

Answer: The BOP offers a variety of programs for inmates to acquire literacy and marketable skills to help them obtain employment after release. All institutions offer literacy classes, English as a Second Language, parenting classes, wellness education, adult continuing education, library services, and instruction in leisure-time activities. Education and other institution staff also offer inmates Release Preparation classes in preparation of release.

Inmates who do not have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate must participate in the literacy program for a minimum of 240 hours or until they obtain the GED. Non-English-speaking inmates must take English as a Second Language with some exceptions.

We are required to offer occupational and vocational training programs. An important component is on-the-job training, which inmates receive through institution job assignments and work in Federal Prison Industries. The Bureau also facilitates post-secondary education in vocational and occupationally-oriented areas. Some traditional college courses are available, but inmates are responsible for funding this course work.

Parenting classes help inmates develop appropriate skills during

incarceration. Recreation and wellness activities encourage healthy life styles and habits.

19.

Question: May the contractor install a computer literacy lab (8-12 computers/ no modems) in the medium and low security units?

Answer: All submissions for special services, i.e., computer labs, etc., will be submitted as a part of the proposal for BOP review and approval.

20.

Question: May those with more than 2 years on their sentence remain as peer facilitator if they volunteer to do so?

How will the racial and ethnic distribution be assessed?

Answer: All submissions for special services will be submitted as a part of the proposal for BOP review and approval. Inmates who have successfully completed the program will be designated to general population at that institution or at another appropriate facility. Offerors should not rely on peer (inmate) mentors or facilitators as a part of their offer. The question of race and ethnicity is unclear. BOP programs are voluntary and open to all eligible inmates regardless of race and ethnicity.

21.

Question: Will start-up costs be available?

Answer: Payment will only be made in accordance with the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I) Inmate Daily Rate and after there are thirty (30) participants in the program at the respective pilot institution.

22.

Question: How will the contractor balance programs that have religious content with secular programs? Must such a balance be faith-specific, or may it be balanced with non-sectarian, spiritually-based material or secular material?

Answer: The contractor will submit a proposal outlining their program. If the program has both religious and secular components, the contractor will outline how the balance of programming will be accomplished. The contractor will determine if the program will be faith-specific, spiritually based or non-sectarian in delivery. The proposal will outline the entire curriculum incorporating in the proposal how contracted services will be provided. All proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the BOP.

23.

Question: May volunteers enter the Unit to facilitate programs in the evening? If not, where can those programs be scheduled?

Answer: Volunteers will be able to enter the institution for programming for evening programs. Prospective offerors will submit proposals outlining all of the aspects of time and duration.

24.

Question: May those with Unicolor jobs be assigned a 4 hour shift in order to participate?

Answer: Inmates with Unicolor jobs may be assigned a 4 hour shift outside the 40 hours allotted for the program in order to participate in the residential program. Prospective contractors should submit specific plans as a part of their contract proposals about inmates working four hours per day and programming in the RRPP.

25.

Question: How long will participants be required to be followed if they are not released within the contract period?

Answer: Contractors will follow all inmates who complete the RRPP for six months after release.

26.

Question: Can you submit rates based on the percentage of occupancy, i.e., 100% occupancy would be rate x and 80-90% occupancy would be rate x.

Answer: The rates must be submitted in accordance with the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I).

27.

Question: Has any set amount of funding been allocated for the Reentry project?

Answer: Funding will be allocated upon award of a contract.

28.

Question: Can the provider establish the time criteria for program selection? The RFP says that the time criterion is 24 to 60 months for males and 24 months to life for females.

Answer: The BOP has established the time criteria for program selection in the Statement of Work.

29.

Question: Is it the intent of the BOP that people participate

for 18 months?

Answer: The Residential Re-entry Program is a 18-month program.

30.

Question: What is the ratio for mentors to inmates?

Answer: One-on-one mentoring is the desired method for mentoring. All submissions for services, i.e., mentoring, will be submitted in the proposal for review and evaluation.

31.

Question: The statement of work indicates that the participants will work ½ days on institutional details. What days and times will they be working on the detail?

Answer: Inmates will be assigned ½ day schedules on institutional details. Days and times will be determined by work supervisors. Consideration will be given to the RRPP schedule.

32.

Question: We learned, through the site visit, that inmates work a 7.5 hour day. The RFP states that an inmate will work a half day or four hours. It appears that the clients are going to lose 3.5 hours of pay by being in the program. To counter this disincentive would you consider paying them for a full day while they are in the program?

Answer: Inmates will be paid for the time that they are working in their assigned detail. Inmates will not be paid for participating in the RRPP.

33.

Question: How many of the eight offices can accommodate two staff members?

Answer: Each of the eight offices at FCI Fort Dix can potentially, with limited space, accommodate two contract staff members.

34.

Question: Can the 300 hours of required community service time be part of the 40 hour requirement per week or is it over and above?

Answer: Community Service times will ordinarily be scheduled hours outside the 40 hour program. Introduction or orientation to the concept of community service may be a part of the RRPP.

35.

Question: Can the mentor within the program be different from the mentor that will meet the participant outside of the program?

Answer: The mentor during the incarceration phase can be different from the mentor in the post-incarceration phase.

36.

Question: Can we install a computer learning lab or computers in the classroom? How many per classroom?

Answer: All submissions for special services, i.e., computer labs, etc., will be submitted in the program proposal for review and approval.

37.

Question: What is the visitation schedule for the program participants?

Answer: The visitation schedule is determined by the institution and applies to all inmates housed there.

38.

Question: In the RFP, it states the participants will be in their own separate area, what, if any, discretion do we have to "set the environment" within that said space? i.e. decorations, parties, graduations, etc.?

Answer: All aspects of the program, including the set up of the housing unit, will be determined by the institution CEO. All aspects of the program should be outlined in the proposal submission. Incentives will not be authorized for inmates who participate in the RRPP.

39.

Question: Regarding incentives, we were informed that we cannot bring in food, such as pizza, for the inmates and that we cannot give them money or gift cards to use at the commissary. We were told that we can give them certificates of achievement. What incentives, other than certificates of achievement, will the BOP allow us to provide to the inmates to get them to join and stay in the program? For example, a reduction in the length of their sentence or a television in their dorm room?

Answer: Incentives will not be authorized for inmates who participate in the RRPP.

40.

Question: What vocational training programs are offered through Unicorps?

Answer: Occupational and vocational training programs are based

on the needs of the inmates, general labor market conditions, and institution labor force needs. An important component is on-the-job training, which inmates receive through institution job assignments and work in Federal Prison Industries. The BOP also facilitates post-secondary education in vocational and occupationally-oriented areas. Some traditional college courses are available, but inmates are responsible for funding this courseware. Also, vocational training programs are offered by the institution, not Unicor.

41.

Question: Can we use the visitor's room for mentoring sessions?

Answer: All submissions for special services, including the use of the visiting area, will be determined by the institution CEO. All special services of the program should be outlined in the proposal submission.

42.

Question: Will the BOP disseminate our advertising materials throughout all of their institutions or do we have to go to the institutions and post the advertisements ourselves?

Answer: Recruiting plans will be submitted as a part of the proposal submission. Recruitment packets can be sent by the contractor to each institution of the appropriate security level and can be made available to inmates.

43.

Question: Is there an inmate newsletter that we can utilize to advertise the program or any other venues that would assist in the recruitment process?

Answer: Recruiting plans will be submitted as a part of the proposal submission. Also, there is not an inmate newsletter. Recruitment packets can be sent by the contractor to each institution of the appropriate security level and can be made available to inmates.

44.

Question: If we were to make a promotional video where and how would we be able to show it to the population at Fort Dix as well as other institutions?

Answer: Recruiting plans will be submitted as a part of the proposal submission. Recruitment packets can be sent by the contractor to each institution of the appropriate security level and can be made available to inmates.

45

Question: Attachment 2 Section C; Schedule - does the program schedule requirement of at least 40 hours per week include activities provided through FBOP program or work assignments or is 40 hours an addition to these?

Answer: Work and school assignments will be assigned during non-RRPP hours. The contractor will be responsible for a 40 hour program not including the established BOP programs.

46.

Question: Attachment 2 Section B; Program Operations - it is stated that FBOP will provide custodial coverage. Which other FBOP staff outside of custody are assigned to the program unit? For example, is the unit manager or case manager or correctional counselor assigned to the area? If so, what is their responsibility vs. the contract staff?

Answer: Unit staff, including a Unit Manager, a Case Manager, a Unit Counselor and custodial staff will be provided in each of the assigned program units. Staff will oversee the daily operation and ensure the security and safety of the institution. The program staff will be monitored by the Contracting Officers Technical Representative.

47.

Question: Attachment 2 Section B; Recruitment Strategy - how does the FBOP's residential drug abuse program (RDAP) interface with this program? Are RDAP eligible inmates also eligible for this program? Is RDAP to be completed prior to or after this program?

Answer: Inmates can be assigned and participate in one residential program at a time. Depending on the particular individual, inmates can participate in RDAP before and/or after participating in the Residential Re-entry Program, but not both at the same time.

48.

Question: Attachment 2 Section D; Supplies - will the FBOP provide the contractor telephone and internet services within the unit?

Answer: The BOP will provide the contractor with telephone and computer services for the conduct of official business. The use of internet services will be at the discretion of the institution CEO.

49.

Question: Attachment 2 Section B; Proposal - can the contractor utilize existing FBOP programs as part of the residential re-entry program such as mental health, education, library, vocational training, chaplaincy, etc. For example, does the contractor need to provide GED classes or can the inmates be placed in a FBOP class?

Answer: The prospective offeror will be responsible for a 40 hour program not including the established BOP programs. Work and education assignments are in addition to the scheduled activities and programs.

50.

Question: Attachment 2 Section B; Residential Phase - is there a cost associated with the FBOP four hour volunteer training required of all Level II volunteers?

Answer: The BOP will incur the cost of the 4 hour volunteer/contractor training. Mentors will have an additional four hours of training. The cost of the training will be incurred by the BOP.

51.

Question: Please provide a list of education and vocational offerings currently provided at each of the six pilot site institutions.

Answer: The Bureau offers a variety of programs for inmates to acquire literacy and marketable skills to help them obtain employment after release. All institutions offer literacy classes, English as a Second Language, parenting classes, wellness education, adult continuing education, library services, and instruction in leisure-time activities. Education and other institution staff also offer inmates Release Preparation classes in preparation of release.

Inmates who do not have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate must participate in the literacy program for a minimum of 240 hours or until they obtain the GED. Non-English-speaking inmates must take English as a Second Language with some exceptions.

We are required to offer occupational and vocational training programs. An important component is on-the-job training, which inmates receive through institution job assignments and work in Federal Prison Industries. The Bureau also facilitates post-secondary education in vocational and occupationally-oriented areas. Some traditional college courses are available, but

inmates are responsible for funding this course work. Parenting classes help inmates develop appropriate skills during incarceration. Recreation and wellness activities encourage healthy life styles and habits.

52.

Question: The RFP (Attachment II: Post Release Phase) says that the cost for the post release phase shall be incurred during the residential phase. Does this mean, for example, that we would bill in advance for the salary of the Outreach Coordinators who would coordinate mentoring partnerships and monitor contacts? What other costs would be associated with the post-release phase could be billed early? Could more information about this issue please be provided?

Answer: All costs regarding performance of the contract must be calculated and represented in the Inmate Daily Rate in accordance with the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I).

Questions Regarding the pilot site at FCI Tucson.

53.

Question: Will all of these inmates parole to the Tucson area?

Answer: Not all inmates will parole or be released to the FCI Tucson area.

54.

Question: If not, is it possible that inmates will parole to anywhere in the 50 states?

Answer: Inmates may parole or release anywhere in the 50 states or its territories.

55.

Question: If inmates will parole to anywhere the establishment of mentoring partnerships would be difficult to verify. What would be considered a "verifiable connection" between a participant and a community organization or support group?

Answer: A connection will be verified via a written agreement form once the relationship between the inmate participant and the mentor is developed by a minimum of three personal contacts (postal, telephonic, visiting or electronic). Contractors will outline how mentoring connections will be established, training required for mentoring organizations and mentors. The written agreement form developed by the contractor will contain the dates

and types of communication, the signatures of the mentor and inmate, and a general plan or schedule for future contacts.

56.

Question: What would be considered adequate documentation of a verifiable connection?

Answer: See the answer to question 55.

57.

Question: Is a phone contact considered a verifiable connection? Or must contacts be face to face?

Answer: Phone contact will necessarily be considered verifiable connections if the inmate and mentor are unable to establish contact through more direct means. Face to face contact is recommended and preferred for the establishment of strong mentoring relationships.

58.

Question: Since the BOP selection criteria is that "Male inmates must be within 24 to 60 months of projected release date": Is it the intention that if a male has 60 months until release that he will remain in the program for 60 months?

If so, how many men do you anticipate will have at least 60 months left on their sentences that would enroll in the program? If not, how long would a male with 60 months left be expected to be in the program, and would he then go back to the general population to finish the remainder of his sentence after he finishes the program?

Answer: The Residential Re-entry Program is a 18-month program and inmates with time remaining on their sentences will be re-designated awaiting release.

59.

Question: It seems that the program length could then vary from 24 years to 60 months, is that correct?

Answer: The Residential Re-entry Program is a 18-month program.

60.

Question: Is it possible for you to post an institutional profile for FCI Tucson on the website?

Answer: FCI Tucson is featured on the BOP website, www.bop.gov.

61.

Question: Are bidders allowed to include an indirect rate and service fee in the inmate daily rate?

Answer: All costs regarding performance of the contract must be calculated and represented in the Inmate Daily Rate in accordance with the Pricing Schedule.

62.

Question: Are there any unallowable costs or limitations on the budget?

Answer: The prospective contractor can include all costs necessary to perform the contract in their proposal. The costs must be represented in the Inmate Daily Rate in accordance with the Pricing Schedule (Attachment I).

63.

Question: The RFP says that "all inmate participants will work half-days on an institution work detail assigned by appropriate institution staff."

Answer: Work details are not considered part of this requirement.

64.

Question: Do the work detail assignments include education or vocational training at FCI Tucson?

Answer: Work detail assignments include Education and Vocational Training.

65.

Question: What is offered as a work detail assignment at FCI Tucson?

Answer: Sentenced inmates are required to work if they are medically able. Institution work assignments are assigned by the unit teams and include employment in areas like food service or the warehouse, or work as an inmate orderly, plumber, painter, or groundskeeper.

Some of the inmates work in Federal Prison Industries (FPI) factories. They gain marketable job skills while working in factory operations, such as metals, furniture, electronics, textiles, and graphic arts. A high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate is required for all work assignments above entry level (lowest pay level) in either institution or FPI jobs.

66.

Question: Does FCI Tucson offer its own academic program or is the bidder expected to offer this as part of its curriculum?

Answer: Academic programs are offered at FCI Tucson.

67.

Question: Does FCI Tucson offer its own vocational training or is the bidder expected to offer this as part of its curriculum?

Answer: Vocational programs are provided as needed at FCI Tucson by the BOP. Prospective offerors may provide additional vocational training as a part of the RRPP. All aspects of the proposed program should be outlined in the contract proposal.

68.

Question: Does FCI Tucson offer cognitive skills training or is the bidder expected to offer this as part of its curriculum?

Answer: Nonresidential life skills, parenting, drug treatment programs are provided at FCI Tucson. These courses incorporate some cognitive skills training. Prospective offerors may provide aspects of cognitive skills training as it applies to the nine life focus areas as outlined in the SOW.

69.

Question: Does FCI Tucson offer mental health treatment or is the bidder expected to offer mental health treatment?

Answer: Mental Health treatment programs are provided at FCI Tucson.

70.

Question: On the past performance questionnaire under II Contract Identification C. Contract Type it offers "Follow-on" as an option. What does that mean?

Answer: A follow-on contract is a new contract in which the requirement is the same as the preceding contract.

71.

Question: Are bidders allowed to submit bound copies of the proposal? Or should the original and 2 copies be unbound?

Answer: Although there is not a requirement regarding the submission of proposal documents, we would prefer unbound material with the attachments separate from the remainder of the proposal.

72.

Question: Are there any restrictions regarding the use of color in the proposal?

Answer: There are not any restrictions on the use of color in the proposal.